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**PATENT APPLICATION****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE APPLICATION OF  
HITOSHI SHIRASAKA

DOCKET NO.: HOKUSHIN-3II

SERIAL NO.: 10/759,851

EXAMINER: UNKNOWN

FILED: JANUARY 16, 2004

ART UNIT: 1714

TITLE: METHOD FOR PRODUCING OIL-RESISTANT ELASTOMER AND OIL-RESISTANT MEMBER

WILMINGTON, DE

DATE: November 3, 2004

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application dated October 19, 2004, applicant requests that the above-identified application be accorded the filing date of January 16, 2004. The Figure indicated at page 4, line 8 is not necessary for a filing date. The drawing indicated is not necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented. This is confirmed by the full examination of the parent application to the present application, which did not contain a drawing.

With regard to the requirement, attached is a Response To Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application enclosing a newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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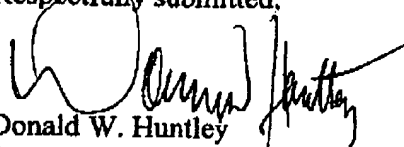
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A petition fee in the amount of \$130 is attached herewith in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17(h). If, after review of this Petition, the original filing date is granted, refund of the petition fee is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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